

EXTRA.

2 O'CLOCK.

WHOSE THE KNIFE?

Byrnes Now Traces It and
Frenchy to Long Island
City Jail.

Three Prisoners Said to Have
Identified the Ripper's Weapon.

The Accused Vagrant Now in Cell 63
of the Tombs.

Old Carrie Brown's Blonde Com-
panion Still Undiscovered.

Further Test of the Accusing Blood
Stains Declared Necessary.

George Francis, alias Frank Herlihy, alias
Frenchy No. 1, who, according to Inspector
Byrnes' impression, is the New York "Jack
the Ripper," who brutally slaughtered old
Carrie Brown, is now in the Tombs, under a
commitment granted by Justice Martine.

Frenchy occupied cell 63, on the second tier
of the main prison, where he will be kept until
the conclusion of the inquest into old "Shake-
spears" death, which will be begun a week
from next Monday.

Inspector Byrnes to-day exonerated Frenchy
from the accusation that he is the London
"Jack the Ripper," and says that Frenchy
has been in this country continuously for the
past three months, or during the time that
some of the Whitechapel murders were com-
mitted.

But while the Inspector has freed Frenchy
from the imputation of being London's Ripper,
he to-day says what he considers another link
in the supposed chain of evidence that his
prisoner is the murderer of old "Shake-
spears."

According to Inspector Byrnes, the knife
with which the old woman's body was so hor-
ribly mutilated, has been identified by three
prisoners in the Queens County Jail at
Long Island City, as either the same
or very like the knife carried
by Frenchy while he was serving a
thirty days sentence there as a vagrant from
Middle Village, just prior to April 15.

John Duffy, of Far Rockaway, one of the
prisoners, alleges, according to the Inspector,
that Frenchy told him that he had the knife
or one like it.

David Giltway and Edward Smith, who were
confined in the same tier of cells with
Frenchy, also had seen him eating with the
knife.

The jailers, the Inspector explains, were un-
aware that Frenchy had the knife in his pos-
session.

One of the most important links in Inspector
Byrnes' chain of evidence is still lacking, how-
ever, and that is the discovery of the man who
was last seen with old "Shakespeare" and
who occupied room 31 at the River Hotel
with Frenchy before the murder. John Duffy,
Capt. O'Connor, of the Oak Street station,
told an EVENING WORLD reporter this morning
that there had been no new developments in
the case.

"Even if there had, the place for you to get
information is at Headquarters," continued the
Captain. "The case has been taken away
from here."

WAS IT FRENCHY'S KNIFE?

An EVENING WORLD reporter called at the
Long Island City Jail this morning with a view
to getting a more definite statement as to the
alleged attempt by Frenchy while a prisoner
there to stab his fellow prisoner, John Duffy.

Also to find out whether the other prisoners,
Giltway and Smith, had positively identified
the now blood-stained knife which was used
in hacking Carrie Brown's body as the one
which Frenchy had when he threatened Duffy.

Sheriff Golden admitted to the reporter
that he had notified Inspector Byrnes of the
knife incident and that Detective McLaughlin
and Mulholland came to the jail yesterday with
a knife.

Frenchy had been brought over to the jail
several days previously, when the Sheriff iden-
tified him as a vagrant who spent a month in
the jail from Middle Village under the name of
George Frank, and who was released April 15,
ten days before the murder.

According to Inspector Byrnes' statement,
Giltway and Smith said they had often seen
Frenchy using the knife while eating his meals
in the prison.

The murderer's knife is an ordinary table-
knife with a black wooden handle. The blade
was about four inches long. It has a sharp
point.

INVESTIGATION BLOCKED.
If such a knife is allowed in the possession
of prisoners at the jail that fact in itself would
be remarkable. The reporter put several
questions to Sheriff Golden with a view to
bring out the actual facts.

Was it a table-knife belonging to the prison
or Frenchy's own personal property which he
had with him when arrested?

Was Frenchy searched when brought to the
jail, and was he known to have the knife?
Was the knife positively identified by the
prisoners as the one Frenchy had, or was their
identification qualified?

When did the alleged attempted stabbing of

the prisoner Duffy occur, and who witnessed it?
Was it reported to the prison keeper or
Warden at the time, and was the knife taken
from the prisoner "Frenchy" at the time?
To all these questions, seemingly reasonable
and in the interest of the truth, Sheriff Golden
obstinately refused a reply.

He would give no information whatever, and
refused to allow access to the prisoners
said to have identified the knife. Neither
would he allow the reporter to see the official
records of the prison.

Sheriff Golden refused to give any reason
for his reticence.

"THE KNIFE, OR ONE LIKE IT,"
Inspector Byrnes said to an EVENING WORLD
reporter this afternoon that he had
nothing new to state in relation to the
evidence against Frenchy. He declined to
say what his opinion and conclusions were on
the entire lot of evidence which is alleged to
have been gathered against the prisoner in
the shape of blood-stains on his clothing and
the alleged identification of the knife.

"I understand," he said, "that they
thought they could identify the knife, and
when the detectives displayed it before them
they stated that they thought that it was
the knife or one very much like it. That is about
all I have on the identification of the knife."

"Was the knife one that had been used in
the prison," queried the reporter.

"I can't say positively as to that, but my
impression is that it was Frenchy's personal
knife."

"When the man was arrested I under-
stand the man did not report that he had
the knife on him," said the Inspector.

"I don't think the Warden knew anything
about it, and it is hardly probable that an in-
vestigation was made."

"Don't you think it strange that a pris-
oner could have a knife in his pos-
session without the knowledge of his
keeper?" "Well," that may be explained
in the fact that when a man like Frenchy is
arrested on a charge of vagrancy the utmost
care perhaps is not made in searching him. A
prisoner might be considered trifling, and the
officer might easily bring a knife in with him."

IN DEEDS OF THE BLOOD STAIN.
On conversation with Dr. Cyrus Elwell, who
made the microscopical examinations of the
blood stains which are regarded as incriminat-
ing evidence against Frenchy by Inspector
Byrnes, an EVENING WORLD reporter learned to-
day that Dr. Elwell had never visited the
East River Hotel in person, but that he ex-
amined the alleged tell-tale exhibits as they were
furnished to him by the police.

"What did these specimens furnished you
for examination consist of?" the doctor was
asked.

"Well, there were pieces of wall paper, the
door, the door post, the mattress and the
blankets on the bed in room 33, as well as the
chair in which Frenchy is supposed to have
sat."

"When did you receive these articles?"
"I received the first on the Monday morning
following the murder and as quickly as they
wards as they were discovered and obtained
by the police. They are now sealed and locked
up at Police Headquarters."

"Did the blood appear to be fresh or old?"
"It would be impossible for me or any one
else to tell. It appeared to be fresh, and I
should have said that it was as it
developed so well under the microscope."

"Was not the blood on Frenchy's shirt
entirely different from that found under his
finger-nails, as shown by the examination of
the corpses?"

"It is impossible to tell definitely, also,
but it appeared to be the same."

SOME UNCERTAINTY STILL.
"Could you not have told whether or not
the corpuscles in the two instances belonged
to the blood of different persons?"

"No, that is beyond the bounds of human
possibilities. We can distinguish between the
corpuscles of human and animal blood, but
not between those of different kinds of human
blood."

"Even corpuscles of all warm-blooded ani-
mals so closely resemble those of the human
species that we can with difficulty distinguish
them, except in the matter of size, the human
corpuscles being much larger; and yet the
corpuscles of the mouse are nearly as large as
those of a human being."

"There are marked distinguishing features,
however, in the blood corpuscles of cold
blooded animals, both in shape and formation
as well as in the microscope discloses the dif-
ference between corpuscles of blood obtained
from a cut or wound and those of blood which
exuded from the body from natural causes,
such as nose-bleed or similar cases?"

"No; it would be impossible to characterize
the corpuscles further than to stamp them as
those of human blood."

"Can you give a detailed description of the
spots and stains on the articles examined by
you?"

"No, I probably could not now, but I wrote
out the result of my examinations in detail,
and the report is now in Inspector Byrnes' pos-
session."

"The best specimen was the spot on
Frenchy's shirt which was also the largest.
There was also a small stain on the collar
band, I believe, and another on the wrist-
band if a bloody hand had clutched him by the neck.
As Frenchy had evidently been made to wash
these stains, but it proved useless."

"Was there any clotting blood on the mat-
tress you examined?"

"I didn't see the whole mattress, only
pieces of it were brought to me, and I pre-
sume only those that were the most readily
discernible."

"What was the nature of the stains on the
mattress and blankets?"

"Well, I should say that the man had tried
to wipe the blood off from his hands on the
mattress and blankets, at least the spots
seemed to indicate that, and had dried on the
clothes. The largest spot, I should judge, was
about as large as a silver dollar."

"All the stains appeared to have been re-
cently made, although, as I said before, it
would be impossible to arrive definitely to this."

his shirt were there for several days previous
to the murder, and accounts for its presence
there in a way which is perfectly reasonable.
The blood stains will have to be submitted to
an analytical test to prove or disprove
Frenchy's statement.

DR. SHADY'S OPINION.
Dr. George F. Shady, the medical expert,
was seen by an EVENING WORLD reporter and
asked whether there was a method by which a
positive test could be made.

"With the microscope you can tell what
kind of blood it is and where it came from,"
said he.

"If Frenchy says the blood on his shirt is
not arterial blood, the microscope will show
it. That question was settled twenty-five
years ago in the Bodell murder, where at the
trial an explanation similar to Frenchy's was
given to account for the presence of blood on
a shirt."

Dr. Shady's attention was called to the Mc-
Keague case, and he said that the blood was
probably dry when it was analyzed, in which
case the test was not made.

DO HILL AND PLATT TRADE?
Rumors of a Deal for the Poses-
sion of the Health Office.

Rumors are in circulation to-day to the effect
that Gov. Hill and Thomas C. Platt have made
a deal, whereby the Health Office of the Port
of New York, which is said to be worth \$100,000
annually to the political party controlling it,
is to be given to a Democrat.

The present Health Officer, Dr. Smith, is a
Republican holdover, whose successor has not
been appointed, for the reason that the Govern-
ment cannot appoint a Health Officer without
the concurrence of the Senate, and a Republi-
can Senate would not confirm a Democratic
nomination.

The deal is said to contemplate the resigna-
tion of Dr. Smith and the appointment in his
stead of Dr. Herman M. Biggs, whose nomi-
nation by Gov. Hill at the last moment of the
legislative session was not confirmed.

The consideration to Mr. Platt for the loss of
this important office is alleged to be a promise
that the investigations by the special commit-
tees appointed by the Assembly will not be too
searching, especially that into the manage-
ment of Quarantine when Mr. Platt was a Com-
missioner.

All this is denied by Mr. Platt's organ, which
asserts with all positiveness that it is in pos-
session "to give correct information on the sub-
ject."

It then goes on to assert that its information
is to the effect that Dr. Smith is not only ready
but anxious to resign, wherever a Republican
can be found to succeed him; that Gov. Hill
was to send to two or three names of Democ-
rats, and failing in securing their confirma-
tion he would name a Republican.

The Platt oracle says that the Governor had
the names of two or three Republican physi-
cians which he was considering in connection
with the appointment, and mentions Dr.
O'Brien, of Buffalo, and Dr. Daniel Lewis as
two of these.

As the Governor could appoint a Democrat
to the position while the Senate is not in
session, should Dr. Smith resign, there
would be no vacancy until the present Health Officer
was assured that a Republican Senate will
confirm a Republican successor, or that a
Democratic Senate will assist a Democratic
Governor in removing him.

From Other Morning Papers.

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POINTERS ON THE RACES.

Tipsters' Opinions on the Various Winners To-Day.

Programme at Guttenburg and
Washington.

AT GUTTENBURG.
The Saturday card at Guttenburg is always
the best of the week. To-day it is no exception
and a really fine programme is gotten up. The
Turf, Field and Farm Handicap at a mile and
a sixteenth is the feature and Longstreet is
called upon to give away lots of weight to
Fast, Spurling, Jack Rose, Now or Never and
H. K. Million. In the fourth race Charley
Post will meet Prince Howard, Khatian, King
Ham, Jake Lisa, Lizzie and Queen of
Trump. All of the other races are very well
filled and should be interesting.

The first race is at seven furlongs. Romance
should win easily. Sporting may be second
and there is a possibility of a third. Dictum
has an excellent chance for the place. Kila
may be third.

The second race is a five-furlong dash. It is
difficult to see how Joe can be beaten, for he
should win easily. Jay Q. B. may be second
and Liza B. may beat the others.

The third event is at a mile. Taking Missie
his past races into consideration, it does not
seem possible to beat him and he ought to win
handily. Puzze may be second and Little
Jack may beat the others.

The fourth race is a handicap at six furlongs.
Charley Post was so easily the favorite that the
writer has formed a high opinion of him. He
should win as easily to-day. Prince Howard
may be second and King Ham may be at the
others.

The fifth event is the handicap at a mile and
a sixteenth. Longstreet should win, notwith-
standing all the weight. Sporting may be sec-
ond and Text should be third.

The sixth race is at seven furlongs. Armistead
may win, with Judge Mitchell second and Fire-
fly may be third.

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\$25,000 GOES UP IN SMOKE.

Erlich's Big Cigar Box Factory Gutted by Fire.

Foreman Onfield Slightly Burned—
Fright in Neighboring Tenements.

H. W. Erlich's cigar box factory, 311 to 321
East Eleventh street, was partly gutted by fire
this morning, involving a loss of about
\$25,000.

The flames started in the cellar of the saw-
mill, which is a one-story brick structure at
313, 315 and 317, having 10 feet front and a
depth of 103 feet.

A workman named Bohneback went down into
the cellar at 6.55 to oil some machinery.
He saw flames in the rear and called the fore-
man, Frederick Onfield, who tried to extin-
guish the flames by using hand grenades.

The fire spread so rapidly that the men who
were of no avail. Onfield had his hands
slightly burned.

When the firemen came in response to the
first alarm the flames had made so much head-
way on account of the large quantities of sec-
onded cedar wood stored in the place that a
third alarm had to be sounded.

In the saw-mill was material for the making
of 42,000 cigar boxes.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the firemen
the flames ate their way into the stock room, a
two-story structure back of the saw-mill, where
50,000 feet of lumber was stored. There is a
small space between this building and the rear
of some tenements in Twelfth street.

The fire swept through the saw-mill and
stock room and gave the firemen a hard battle.
For more than an hour it burned furiously
and gutted the two buildings.

At 7 o'clock an explosion occurred in the
cellar of the saw-mill. It was thought to have
been caused by a steam-pipe.

There was much excitement among the occu-
pants of the tenements in Twelfth street. At
8 o'clock the fire was under control.

Mr. Erlich estimates his loss on buildings and
stock at about \$25,000. He is insured for
\$500 in twenty companies. The cause of
the fire was not known.

Eight horses and seven wagons were saved
from a stable in the rear of the factory. The
people living in the tenements on
Eleventh street, next to the factory, were ex-
cited, but they were in no danger.

Fire Chief Joseph McGuire, who became a
victim of the fire, was one of the
hardest workers at the fire.

Now Believed to Have Been Caused
by Spontaneous Combustion.

The condition of George Kraemer, proprietor
of the fireworks factory at 303 Union street,
Morrisania, which was destroyed by fire yester-
day afternoon, is serious, but it is
believed that he will recover. He is badly
burned about the head, arms and body.

Little Horne, the fourth victim of the fire,
died at 9 o'clock last night. She was fourteen
years old and lived at 844 Washington avenue.

The cause of the fire is believed to have
been spontaneous combustion.

"This was my second year in the business,"